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SUBJECT: SITREP 0800 EDT SEPTEMBER 5, 1969

1. Internal Situation: The internal situation remains calm with the Revolutionary Command Council in control of all major centers in Libya. The curfew was lifted for eight hours yesterday and normal business resumed.

2. Composition of the Regime: Aside from four or five young military officers who have treated with diplomatic missions, no

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leaders of the new regime have surfaced publicly. The new regime has still not announced a cabinet. Meanwhile, Tripoli radio continues to broadcast telegrams and recorded announcements of support by prominent Libyans in the former government.

3. The King's Future: The King is at his ~~ff~~ ~~xxx~~ vacation spa in Greece and has announced he will take no political actions which might embarrass the Greek government. A close confidant doubts that the King will return to Libya without UK or US support or if there is clear evidence that his return to Libya would be opposed by those in power. Possibility any resistance to new regime has thus virtually vanished.

4. Diplomatic recognition: The RCC has told diplomatic representatives that the RCC regards itself as recognized by those countries which have accepted the coup as a Libyan internal matter and would accept that formulation, although it would prefer a "direct and open declaration of recognition."

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